



# **OPSEC**

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During an exercise or contingency, it's important to make sure your work gets done safely and completely. Unfortunately, with all the stress and commotion of an exercise, things tend to get rushed and maybe even overlooked.

One thing we must never overlook is Operations Security. The purpose of OPSEC is to enhance operational effectiveness by using smart techniques to keep our enemies from stealing the kinds of information we don't want them to have

This means protecting not only classified information, but sensitive, unclassified information as well. Think of it this way, your bank account number may be unclassified, but you sure wouldn't want to give it out to just anyone.

It may seem like a pain, but the time and care we take to protect our sensitive information may save lives.

Each unit on base has a copy of the wing Critical Information List, which states exactly what type of information we need to protect and how to do it. By protecting this information, we'll make it that much harder for our enemies to harm us. It all begins with OPSEC.

For more information about OPSEC, call the 49th Operations Support Squadron at 572-3671.

## Phase II Exercise parking

Parking for exercise players is available at the Fitness and Sports Center, Desert Lanes Bowling Center, Officers' Club and the base pool.

Do not park on landscaping, lodging parking lots, in fire lanes or blocking fire hydrants.

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572-7500

#### Prescription problem

I've been trying to get prescriptions for my wife. When she called in, she was told that the doctor would

call her back and she could get her medicine within 48 hours. I waited from 1 to 3 p.m., to get the medicine. I got three of the prescriptions, but the other two medications weren't available. When we called the pharmacy, they told us there were no other prescriptions and advised us to call the appointment line. The appointment line people said they didn't know what was going on, but would check.

My wife called back, spoke to an Airman who told her that she couldn't give out the information.

Basically, I'm asking for help. I went through TRICARE, the pharmacy and the appointment line. The patient advocate was even too busy. She was with a patient and couldn't talk to me. I haven't been able to talk to anybody who could tell me when the medicine will be available.



We all apologize for the inconvenience you've experienced. Our medical staff inadvertently missed the last

two medications when the nurse sent the telephone consultation. A correction was

made immediately, but you were not notified that the medications had been sent to the pharmacy. The staff has been reminded to better communicate with our patients, especially when there has been an oversight on numbers or types of medication.

Thanks for your understanding and patience. I encourage you to call the patient advocate at 572-7913 or 572-5447 if you experience problems in the future.

#### Army of One

Members of the New Mexico Army National Guard, C Battery 1/202, would like to thank all Team Holloman for its support during the 21-month tour assisting the 49th Security Forces Squadron. May God bless you and keep everyone safe. (by Army 1st Sgt. Manuel Alonzo Jr.)

#### A special thanks

The Special Olympics of New Mexico Area 3 members want to thank Team Holloman for making this year's olympics a very special event.

The event wouldn't have been possible without the support of the 49th Fighter Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski and the 49th Services Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Carleton Hirschel.

The members of the 49th SVS, 49th Communications Squadron, Youth and Teen Center, and more than 60 Team Holloman volunteers also made the day possible. (by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Bradway)



High: 66 Low: 40

TODAY



High: 68 Low: 40

Saturday



High: 66 Low: 40

Sunday

Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

### **DUI** Update

Days since last DUI

DUIs this year

This week last year

2

#### Last six DUIs

• 49 MMS Oct. 18

• 49 AMXS Aug. 25

• GAF Aug. 7

• 49 SFS July 25

• 746 TS July 18

• 49 AMXS July 2

\* Dependent

#### 572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

**75** Saves this year

**10** Saves this week



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